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**Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2003, a reply to which is due October 14, 2003 with a shortened statutory period for reply. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due January 14, 2004 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

**Listing of the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 5 of this paper.